



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q59623

Satoshi HOSHINO

Appln. No.: 09/590,686

Group Art Unit: 3621

Confirmation No.: 2759

Examiner: James A. Reagan

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For: ELECTRONIC DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the interview conducted on
January 19, 2004:

REMARKS

A telephonic interview, initiated by Applicants' representative, was conducted on January 19, 2005, between Examiner James A. Reagan, of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and Applicants' representative, Andrew J. Taska.

The purpose of the interview was to discuss the arguments advanced in the Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed on October 13, 2004. During the interview, the Examiner indicated that the aforementioned arguments were persuasive and that, as a result, he would conduct further prior art searching regarding the features of storing data by affixing thereto an electronic signature, and of updating data by affixing thereto an electronic signature. The

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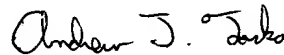
Examiner also indicated that, after conducting such a further prior art search, either a new Office Action will be issued based on any newly discovered art, or the Examiner will likely indicate that the subject matter recited in the claims 1-8 and 10-30 is allowable. The Examiner indicated that we should expect to receive either an Office Action or a Notice of Allowance in several weeks.

No exhibits or demonstrations were provided and no amendments were proposed by Applicants' representative. Further, no substantive arguments, aside from a reaffirmation of those arguments already set forth in the Response filed on October 13, 2004, were made with respect to the claim rejections of the Office Action dated July 13, 2004.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,



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